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## **Sapp to leave Corrections; Tom Campbell replacement**

**FRANKFORT** – Governor Paul Patton today announced the retirement of Corrections Commissioner Doug Sapp, a 27-year veteran of state government, and the appointment of Tom Campbell as his replacement.

"Doug Sapp came out of retirement to be a part of my administration and to serve the people of our state. He is a model public servant whose dedication, knowledge and friendship will be missed," Patton said. "Having said that, Tom Campbell is an experienced professional who has a long history of accomplishments and is certainly up to the challenges of this job."

"Sapp is probably the hardest working employee I have ever had the pleasure to work with in state government," Stephens said. "He could solve any situation or problem that occurred in his agency. I really hate to see him leave, but the mark he has left on the department of corrections and the Patton Administration will continue for years to come."

As Sapp prepares to return to his home in Adair County at the end of the year, his successor, Tom Campbell, will be leaving his current position as executive director of the parole board and preparing himself to oversee the 3,800-plus employees in the department of corrections.

"I cannot think of another person more qualified than Campbell to continue the success of the department's programs," Stephens said. "Campbell is a veteran employee of corrections, where he began his state government career in 1972, so he has the knowledge and respect to be an outstanding commissioner."

Sapp became commissioner of corrections in April of 1996. Since that time, he has successfully established programs such as the VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday) system, KOOL (Kentucky Offender Online Lookup) system, the Thoroughbred Retirement program at Blackburn Correctional Complex, the automation of the probation and parole case management system and expanded community supervision through electronic monitoring. Most of all, he has been the employees' biggest supporter for improved working conditions and compensation and has championed their causes whenever possible.

"Tom's extensive career in corrections provides him a broad perspective of the Department," commented Sapp on his replacement. "He has a wealth of knowledge

and insight into the many issues affecting this agency which will prepare him to do a outstanding job in managing the department."

Campbell began his career in corrections in 1972 as recreation director at the Kentucky Correctional Institution for Women. He was promoted to classification and treatment officer before being transferred to Blackburn Correctional Complex where he served as unit director until March 1979.

At that time, he transferred to the Kentucky State Reformatory where he served as deputy warden in various capacities until December 1990, when he was appointed to the position of deputy commissioner for adult institutions in Frankfort and remained there until February 1992.

From February 1992 until December 1992, he served as director for institutional operations and interim warden at Blackburn Correctional Complex. He was then appointed to the position of warden at Luther Luckett Correctional Complex in LaGrange.

In May 1994, he opened the state's newest prison, Green River Correctional Complex in Central City, as warden and remained there until June 1996, when he returned to Frankfort as deputy commissioner for adult institutions.

Mr. Campbell retired from state service in July 1999 but returned as the executive director of the parole board in October 1999.

"I am very excited about heading the department and working with its outstanding base of employees," Campbell said. "I have learned a lot over my career in state government and especially during the three years I worked directly with Commissioner. He leaves a tremendous legacy that will be difficult to follow, but I look forward to the challenge."

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*Note: Pictures of Sapp and Campbell can be obtained at: [www.jus.state.ky.us](http://www.jus.state.ky.us)*